

ARTICLE 4. LIVE WILDLIFE

R12-4-401. Live Wildlife Definitions

In addition to definitions provided under A.R.S. § 17-101, and for the purposes of this Article, the following definitions apply:

"Adoption" means the transfer of custody of live wildlife to a member of the public, initiated by either the Department or its authorized agent, when no special license is required.

"Agent" means the person identified on a special license and who assists a special license holder in performing activities authorized by the special license to achieve the objectives for which the license was issued. "Agent" has the same meaning as "sublicensee" and "subpermittee" as these terms are used for the purpose of federal permits.

"Aquarium trade" means the commercial industry and its customers who lawfully trade in aquatic live wildlife.

"Aversion training" means behavioral training in which an aversive stimulus is paired with an undesirable behavior in order to reduce or eliminate that behavior.

"Captive live wildlife" means live wildlife held in captivity, physically restrained, confined, impaired, or deterred to prevent it from escaping to the wild or moving freely in the wild.

"Captive-reared" means wildlife born, bred, raised, or held in captivity.

"Cervid" means a mammal classified as a Cervidae or member of the deer family found anywhere in the world, as defined in the taxonomic classification from the Integrated Taxonomic Information System, available online at www.itis.gov.

"Circus" means a scheduled event where a variety of entertainment is the principal business, primary purpose, and attraction. "Circus" does not include animal displays or exhibits held as an attraction for a secondary commercial endeavor.

"Commercial purpose" means the bartering, buying, leasing, loaning, offering to sell, selling, trading, exporting or importing of wildlife or their parts for monetary gain.

"Domestic" means an animal species that does not exist in the wild, and includes animal species that have only become feral after they were released by humans who held them in captivity or individuals or populations that escaped from human captivity.

"Educational display" means a display of captive live wildlife to increase public understanding of wildlife biology, conservation, and management without requiring or soliciting payment from an audience or an event sponsor. For the purposes of this Article, "to display for educational purposes" refers to display as part of an educational display.

"Educational institution" means any entity that provides instructional services or education-related services to persons.

"Endangered or threatened wildlife" means wildlife listed under 50 C.F.R. 17.11, revised October 1, 2013, which is incorporated by reference. A copy of the list is available at any Department office, online at www.gpoaccess.gov, or may be ordered from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. This incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated material.

"Evidence of lawful possession" means any license or permit authorizing possession of a specific live wildlife species or individual, or other documentation establishing lawful possession. Other forms of documentation may include, but are not limited to, a statement issued by the country or state of origin verifying a license or permit for that specific live wildlife species or individual is not required.

"Exhibit" means to display captive live wildlife in public or to allow photography of captive live wildlife for any commercial purpose.

"Exotic" means wildlife or offspring of wildlife not native to North America.

"Fish farm" means a commercial operation designed and operated for propagating, rearing, or selling aquatic wildlife for any purpose.

"Game farm" means a commercial operation designed and operated for the purpose of propagating, rearing, or selling terrestrial wildlife or the parts of terrestrial wildlife for any purpose stated under R12-4-413.

"Health certificate" means a certificate of an inspection completed by a licensed veterinarian verifying the animal examined appears to be healthy and free of infectious, contagious, and communicable diseases.

"Hybrid wildlife" means an offspring from two different wildlife species or genera. Offspring from a wildlife species and a domestic animal species are not considered wildlife.

"Live baitfish" means any species of live freshwater fish designated by Commission Order as lawful for use in taking aquatic wildlife under R12-4-313 and R12-4-317.

"Live bait" means aquatic live wildlife used or intended for use in taking aquatic wildlife.

"Migratory birds" mean all species listed under 50 C.F.R. 10.13 revised October 1, 2014, and no later amendments or editions. The incorporated material is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000, and is on file with the Department.

"Noncommercial purpose" means the use of products or services developed using wildlife for which no compensation or monetary value is received.

"Nonhuman primate" means any nonhuman member of the order Primate of mammals including prosimians, monkeys, and apes.

"Nonnative" means wildlife or its offspring that did not occur naturally within the present boundaries of Arizona before European settlement.

"Person" has the same meaning as defined under A.R.S. § 1-215.

"Photography" means any process that creates durable images of wildlife or parts of wildlife by recording light or other electromagnetic radiation, either chemically by means of a light-sensitive material or electronically by means of an image sensor.

"Rehabilitated wildlife" means live wildlife that is injured, orphaned, sick, or otherwise debilitated and is provided care to restore it to a healthy condition suitable for release to the wild or for lawful captive use.

"Research facility" means any association, institution, organization, school, except an elementary or secondary school, or society that uses or intends to use live animals in research.

"Restricted live wildlife" means wildlife that cannot be imported, exported, or possessed without a special license or lawful exemption.

"Shooting preserve" means any operation where live wildlife is released for the purpose of hunting.

"Special license" means any license issued under this Article, including any additional stipulations placed on the license authorizing specific activities normally prohibited under A.R.S. § 17-306 and R12-4-402.

"Species of greatest conservation need" means any species listed in the Department's Arizona's State Wildlife Action Plan list Tier 1a and 1b published by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The material is available for inspection at any Department office and online at www.azgfd.gov.

"Stock" and "stocking" means to release live aquatic wildlife into public or private waters other than the waters where taken.

Taxa" means groups of animals within specific classes of wildlife occurring in the state with common characteristics that establish relatively similar requirements for habitat, food, and other ecological, genetic, or behavioral factors.

"Unique identifier" means a permanent marking made of alphanumeric characters that identifies an individual animal, which may include, but is not limited to, a tattoo or microchip.

"USFWS" means the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Volunteer" means a person who:

Assists a special license holder in conducting activities authorized under the special license,

Is under the direct supervision of the license holder at the premises described on the license,

Is not designated as an agent, and

Receives no compensation.

"Wildlife disease" means any disease that poses a health risk to wildlife in Arizona.

"Zoo" means any facility licensed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department under R12-4-420 or, for facilities located outside of Arizona, licensed or recognized by the applicable governing agency.

"Zoonotic" means a disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans or, more specifically, a disease that normally exists in animals but that can infect humans.

R12-4-402. Live Wildlife: Unlawful Acts

- A.** A person shall not perform any of the following activities with live wildlife unless authorized by a federal license or permit, this Chapter, or A.R.S. Title 3, Chapter 16:
1. Import any live wildlife into the state;
 2. Export any live wildlife from the state;
 3. Conduct any of the following activities with live wildlife within the state:
 - a. Display,
 - b. Exhibit,
 - c. Give away,

- d. Lease,
 - e. Offer for sale,
 - f. Possess,
 - g. Propagate,
 - h. Purchase,
 - i. Release,
 - j. Rent,
 - k. Sell,
 - l. Sell as live bait,
 - m. Stock,
 - n. Trade,
 - o. Transport; or
4. Kill any captive live wildlife.

- B.** The Department may seize, quarantine, hold, or euthanize any lawfully possessed wildlife held in a manner that poses an actual or potential threat to the wildlife, other wildlife, or the safety, health, or welfare of the public. The Department shall make reasonable efforts to find suitable placement for any animal prior to euthanizing it.
- C.** A person who does not lawfully possess wildlife in accordance with this Article shall be responsible for all costs associated with the care and keeping of the wildlife.